

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Previously Presented) A device for deploying ammunition, wherein a recess (2) in the body shell (1) of a mobile object provided for ammunition deployment is covered by a cover arrangement (4) that reduces a radar signature caused by this recess (2) and having a negative effect is diminished.

Claim 2. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the ammunition is deployed with the aid of a launcher located on the inside of the body shell of the object.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 2, wherein the launcher has at least one discharge tube (3).

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 2, wherein the launcher terminates flush with the body sheet (1) of the object.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 3, wherein the launcher is located at a distance of 0-20 cm from the body shell of the object.

Claim 6. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 3, wherein the discharge tube (3) is arranged on the inside of the body shell (1), so that loading of the launcher tube (3) is possible from the inside.

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Claim 7. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 3, wherein the discharge tube (3) is accommodated in a launcher housing (6).

Claim 8. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 7, wherein the launcher housing (6) is fixedly connected with the inside of the body shell (1).

Claim 9. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 6, wherein the launcher housing (6) includes at least one closable hatch in the interior range of the object, through which loading of the launcher tube (s) (3) takes place.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein the hatch is a squeeze lock (7).

Claim 11. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 8, wherein a gas-tight seal is provided at least either between launcher housing opening and body shell (1) or between loading hatch (8) and loading opening of the launcher housing (6).

Claim 12. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 11, wherein the launcher housing (6) is provided with a blow-off valve (10).

Claim 13. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 7, wherein the launcher housing (6) is provided with outlet means (9).

Claim 14. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 7, wherein the launcher housing (6) is provided with a connection facility (12) for control with the aid of ignition means.

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Claim 15. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 14, wherein the ignition means are electrical ignition means.

Claim 16. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 15, wherein the launcher housing (6) includes grounding means (11).

Claim 17. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the angle of deployment of the discharge means is adjustable in lateral pointing and elevation with the aid of adapters (13).

Claim 18. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the object is selected from the group consisting of land vehicles, aircraft and water craft.

Claim 19. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the cover arrangement (4) comprises a radar camouflage coating.

Claim 20. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the cover arrangement (4) covers the recess (2) such that a radar camouflaged structure of the body shell (1) is preserved.

Claim 21. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein the cover arrangement (4) is opened by the penetrating body to then close again.

Claim 22. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 21, wherein the cover arrangement (4) includes at least one camouflage hatch.

Claim 23. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 22, wherein the at least one camouflage hatch is arranged

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as a single hatch, as a wing hatch, or as an annular or polygonal hatch segment.

Claim 24. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 21, wherein the cover arrangement (4) includes at least one elastic material.

Claim 25. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 24, wherein the elastic material is provided with a radar-scattering coating.

Claim 26. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 25, wherein the radar-scattering coating is made of metal.

Claim 27. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, further comprising a splash-proof protective cover (5) which is removed by a first discharge of ammunition.

Claim 28. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 27, wherein the protective cover (5) is of a radar-reflecting type.

Claim 29. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 27, wherein the protective cover (5) terminates flush with the body shell (1).

Claim 30. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 27, wherein the protective cover (5) is retained by a snap-in device.

Claim 31. (Cancelled).

Claim 32. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 5, wherein the distance is 0.5-1.5 cm.

Claim 33. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 32, wherein the distance is 1-5 cm.

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Claim 34. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 24, wherein the elastic material is a rubber material.

Claim 35. (Cancelled).